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Nebraska Work Trends

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QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

ANSWER: From YOU - the employer!

The Nebraska Department of Labor, Division of Employment, would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and appreciation to those cooperating employers who provide us with requested data.

This makes it possible for us to supply information necessary for planning and decision-making to Nebraska employers, governmental units, labor organizations, and other individuals and agencies with a need to know about the Nebraska labor force and industrial composition.

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NEBRASKA Work Trends

August 1979

SELECTED U.S. INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT DATA, BY REGION AND INDUSTRY, DURING SELECTED TIME PERIODS 1/

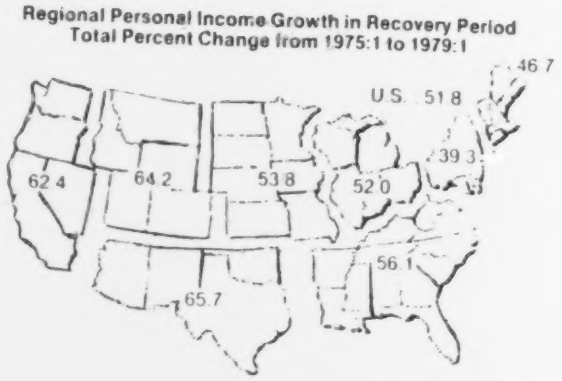

Table 1. Regional Employment Change During Recession (1974-75) and Recovery (1975-78)

(Total percent change in period of nonfarm payroll employment)

	Recession		Recovery	
	Total	Manufacturing	Total	Manufacturing
New England	—3.3	—9.1	11.7	13.0
Mid-Atlantic	—2.6	—9.3	5.5	3.8
Great Lakes	—3.4	—10.6	10.0	9.8
Plains	—0.7	—7.8	11.9	11.8
Southeast	—2.4	—9.2	14.2	14.2
Southwest	1.7	—3.2	17.5	17.2
Mountain	1.0	—4.6	20.1	20.2
Far West	0.6	—6.1	18.8	18.0

Table 2. Growth of Major Personal Income Sources During Recession and Recovery

(Annual rates of change)

Wages in:	1973:4 to 1975:1	1975:1 to 1978:4
Manufacturing	0.9%	11.9%
Construction	0.6	11.1
Services *	8.9	11.3
Government	8.6	6.5
Transfer payment	21.3	9.8

* Includes transportation, communication, public utilities, finance, insurance, real estate, services, and trade.

1/ Source of data: U.S. Department of Commerce, as presented in Business America, September 10, 1979.

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LABOR FORCE DATA 1/
(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

August 1979

	Preliminary Aug 1979	Revised Jul 1979	Revised Aug 1978	Change From: Jul 1979	Change From: Aug 1978
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	783,850	799,800	770,700	-15,950	13,150
Employment	761,350	776,200	748,300	-14,850	13,050
Unemployment	22,500	23,600	22,400	- 1,100	100
Unemployment rate 2/	2.9	3.0	2.9	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	279,400	282,700	275,000	- 3,300	4,400
Employment	268,450	271,550	262,950	- 3,100	5,500
Unemployment	10,950	11,150	12,050	- 200	-1,100
Unemployment rate 2/	3.9	3.9	4.4	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	110,250	109,900	109,500	350	750
Employment	107,500	106,800	106,650	700	850
Unemployment	2,750	3,100	2,850	- 350	- 100
Unemployment rate 2/	2.5	2.8	2.6	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.
2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.
3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 236,900 is included in the Nebraska totaly only, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 42,500 is excluded from the Nebraska total.
4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1978 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 1,100 from July 1979 to August 1979, reaching a new total of 22,500. The August 1979 total was 100 more than in August 1978. The unemployment rate edged downward from 3.0 in July 1979 to 2.9 in August 1979, but was the same as in August 1978 (3.0).

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA dropped by 200 from July 1979 to August 1979, and also decreased by 1,100 from August 1978. The unemployment rate remained the same in August 1979 as it had been in July 1979 (3.9), but was below the August 1978 rate of 4.4

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA dropped by 350 from July 1979 to August 1979, and also dipped by 100 from August 1978. The unemployment rate dropped from 2.8 in July 1979 to 2.5 in August 1979, and compared to 2.6 in August 1978.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 11,150 from August 1979 to September 1979, reaching a new total of 772,700. The unemployment segment is projected as 22,700, while the employment segment is projected as 750,000.

NEBRASKA

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1/] [2/]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Aug 1979 [3/]	Jul 1979 [4/]	Aug 1978 [4/]	Change From Jul 1979	Change From Aug 1978	Percent Change From Aug 1978
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	616,100	616,750	604,550	- 650	11,550	1.9
MANUFACTURING	96,700	96,950	93,350	- 250	3,350	3.6
Durable goods	51,700	51,850	48,450	- 150	3,250	6.7
Construction material	5,300	5,350	5,400	- 50	- 150	- 2.4
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,100	2,100	2,300	0	- 200	- 8.3
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	3,200	3,250	3,150	- 50	50	1.9
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,750	1,850	- 50	- 150	- 7.3
Metals	10,200	10,200	9,700	0	500	5.1
Primary metal industries	1,850	1,850	1,600	0	250	16.2
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	8,350	8,350	8,100	0	250	2.9
Machinery except electrical	12,900	12,900	11,000	0	1,900	17.2
Farm machinery & equipment	7,650	7,700	6,650	- 50	1,000	15.0
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,600	10,450	9,950	150	650	6.3
Transportation equipment	5,850	6,100	5,600	- 250	250	4.9
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,150	3,300	3,150	- 150	0	0.4
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,150	5,100	4,900	50	250	4.8
Nondurable goods	45,000	45,100	44,900	- 100	100	0.2
Food & kindred products	26,100	26,150	26,750	- 50	- 650	- 2.4
Meat products	12,150	12,250	12,600	- 100	- 450	- 3.7
Dairy products	2,100	2,150	2,150	- 50	- 50	- 0.8
Grain mill	5,600	5,550	5,450	50	150	2.5
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,250	6,200	6,550	50	- 300	- 4.6
Textile products & apparel	2,250	2,250	2,350	0	- 100	- 4.6
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,350	7,300	7,050	50	300	4.2
Chemicals & allied products	2,250	2,250	2,250	0	0	- 0.1
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	7,050	7,150	6,500	- 100	550	8.8
NONMANUFACTURING	519,400	519,800	511,200	- 400	8,200	1.6
MINING	1,650	1,650	1,700	0	- 50	- 3.0
CONSTRUCTION	37,300	37,050	37,200	250	100	0.3
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	11,800	11,250	11,150	550	650	5.8
Construction other than building construction - general ocntractors	9,100	9,350	8,950	- 250	150	1.5
Construction - special trade contractors	16,400	16,450	17,100	- 50	- 700	- 3.9
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	47,050	47,100	44,800	- 50	2,250	5.0
Railroad transportation	15,900	15,700	15,050	200	850	5.4
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,800	15,100	14,500	- 300	300	2.2
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,350	16,300	15,250	50	1,100	7.3

TRADE	158,800	159,050	154,750	- 250	4,050	2.6
Wholesale	47,500	47,550	45,400	- 50	2,100	4.7
Durable	24,500	24,500	23,200	0	1,300	5.6
Nondurable	23,000	23,050	22,200	- 50	800	3.8
Retail	111,300	111,500	109,350	- 200	1,950	1.8
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,750	5,950	5,800	- 200	- 50	- 0.7
General merchandise stores	15,150	15,350	16,000	- 200	- 830	- 5.2
Food stores	14,650	14,750	14,600	- 100	50	0
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,700	16,850	16,800	- 150	- 100	- 0.6
Apparel & accessory stores	6,450	6,400	6,050	50	400	6.9
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,050	4,050	4,200	0	- 150	- 3.0
Eating & drinking places	37,300	36,950	34,250	350	3,050	8.9
Miscellaneous retail	11,250	11,200	11,650	50	- 400	- 3.7
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,450	3,450	3,500	0	- 50	- 1.5
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	7,800	7,750	8,150	50	- 350	- 4.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	40,950	40,900	39,450	50	1,500	3.8
Banking	10,550	10,500	10,250	50	300	2.7
Insurance	19,500	19,550	19,000	- 50	500	2.8
Real estate	4,600	4,600	4,300	0	300	6.5
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,300	6,250	5,900	50	400	6.6
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	111,650	110,900	108,600	750	3,050	2.8
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,100	7,350	7,100	- 250	0	- 0.1
Personal services	5,350	5,300	5,550	50	- 200	- 3.6
Business services	15,600	15,250	14,900	350	700	4.5
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,550	3,600	3,550	- 50	0	0.1
Amusement & recreation	7,150	7,050	6,650	100	500	7.4
Health services	39,350	39,050	38,250	300	1,100	2.9
Educational services	7,850	6,750	7,650	1,100	200	2.8
Social services	5,550	5,500	5,550	50	0	- 0.1
Membership organizations	8,450	9,350	8,500	- 900	- 50	- 0.6
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,700	11,700	10,900	0	800	7.2
GOVERNMENT	122,000	123,150	124,700	-1,150	-2,700	- 2.2
Federal	16,350	16,600	16,650	- 250	- 300	- 1.6
State	31,250	29,650	30,750	1,600	500	1.6
Local	74,400	76,900	77,300	-2,500	-2,900	- 3.8

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.

2/ Data were compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

3/ Preliminary estimate.

4/ Revised.

AUGUST 1979 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 650 from July 1979 to August 1979. Manufacturing dipped by 250, while nonmanufacturing dropped 400.

The decrease of 250 in manufacturing included a slight reduction of 150 in durable goods and a slender decline of 100 in nondurable goods.

Month-to-month gains were registered in servuces)750, led by a gain of 1,100 in educational services), construction/mining (250), and finance-insurance real estate (50).

Month-to-month decreases were reported for govenrment (-1,150, led by a drop of 2,500 in local government), trade (-250), and transportation-communication-utilities (-50).

ANNUAL CHANGES. . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 11,550 from August 1978 to August 1979. This included a gain of 3,350 in manufacturing employment, and a rise of 8,250 in nonmanufacturing employment.

The increase of 3,350 in manufacturing was primarily in durable goods with a gain of 3,250. Over one-half of the gain in durable goods was in machinery except electrical (1,900). Nondurable goods had a small increase of 100.

Other year-to-year increases included trade (4,050), services (3,050), transportation-communication-utilities (2,250), finance-insurance-real estate (1,500), and construction/mining (50). The increase in trade included a gain of 2,100 in wholesale trade, with a rise of 1,950 in retail trade - led by a gain of 3,050 in eating and drinking places. The increase in service employment came primarily in health services (1,100), business services (700), and other services (800).

The only year-to-year decrease was in government (-2,700), led by a drop in local government employment (-2,900).

OUTLOOK . . . . . .

October 1979 employment levels are expected to show customary seasonal declines in construction/mining, transportation-communication-utilities, finance-insurance-real estate and services. Construction/mining is expected to experience a substantial reduction in employment, following the usual fall trend. A moderate drop is anticipated in transportation-communication-utilities, principally in railroad activity. Small decreases are expected in finance-insurance-real estate and services. Agriculture is expected to show a small rise, following customary seasonal trends. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged for manufacturing, trade and government. It should be noted that employment estimates in the future are highly contingent upon energy-related developments and uncertainties, and not forecastable in a definitive fashion at this time.

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WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1]

August 1979

	Applicants Available FY to date [2]	Active File	Nonag Job Openings Received FY to date [2]	Unfilled Total	Unfilled 30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL [3]	114,081	23,833	73,127	6,596	3,387	1.6	3.6	51.3
0-1 Professional, technical and managerial	12,453	3,218	5,828	1,165	837	2.1	2.3	71.8
2 Clerical and slaes	28,808	5,909	14,491	1,378	602	2.0	4.3	43.7
Entry codes [4]	7,016	1,273	------	-----	-----	---	---	-----
20-24 Clerical	16,735	3,566	11,389	993	415	1.4	3.6	41.8
25-29 Sales	5,057	1,070	3,102	385	187	1.6	2.8	48.6
3 Service	17,220	3,894	12,559	1,281	544	1.4	3.0	42.5
Entry codes [4]	3,484	675	------	-----	-----	---	---	----
30 Domestic	1,279	306	2,097	76	31	0.6	4.0	40.8
31-39 Other	12,457	2,913	10,462	1,205	513	1.2	2.4	42.6
4 Farm, forestry, fisheries	7,483	717	5,968	258	233	1.3	2.8	90.3
5 Processing	2,002	630	1,468	202	83	1.4	3.1	41.1
6 Machine trades	4,237	937	2,699	325	170	1.6	2.9	52.3
7 Bench work	4,765	1,083	2,749	216	96	1.7	2.0	44.4
8 Structural work	12,822	2,120	10,617	927	385	1.2	2.3	41.5
9 Miscellaneous	15,663	3,231	16,920	605	198	0.9	5.3	32.7
Entry codes [4]	4,165	778	------	-----	-----	---	---	----
90-91 Motor freight transportation	4,978	961	6,445	310	116	0.8	3.1	37.4
92 Packaging, materials handling	6,042	1,378	9,847	252	66	0.6	5.5	26.2
93-97 Other [5]	448	114	628	43	16	0.7	2.7	37.2

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).

2/ Period covered: 10-1-78 through 8-31-79. FY 1979 defined as 10-1-78 through 9-30-79.

3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.

4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

August 1979

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug 1979 [2]	Jul 1979 [3]	Aug 1978 [3]	Aug 1979 [2]	Jul 1979 [3]	Aug 1978 [3]	Aug 1979 [2]	Jul 1979 [3]	Aug 1978 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$274.73	$268.27	$239.37	41.5	41.4	41.2	$6.62	$6.48	$5.81
Durable goods	271.58	260.38	235.50	41.4	41.2	41.1	6.56	6.32	5.73
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	246.45	241.96	225.23	42.2	42.3	42.9	5.84	5.72	5.25
Primary and fabricated metals	262.66	271.74	234.03	40.1	42.0	40.7	6.55	6.47	5.75
Machinery and transportation equipment	294.27	277.12	248.46	41.8	41.3	41.0	7.04	6.71	6.06
Nondurable goods	278.30	277.72	244.08	41.6	41.7	41.3	6.69	6.66	5.91
Food and kindred products	309.29	307.01	259.79	42.7	42.7	41.7	7.22	7.19	6.23
Meat products	333.52	325.48	277.31	41.9	41.2	39.9	7.96	7.90	6.95
Dairy products	208.17	204.00	180.38	39.5	40.0	37.5	5.27	5.10	4.81
Grain mill products	345.28	356.21	311.39	48.7	50.1	51.3	7.09	7.11	6.07
Bakery products	235.98	237.65	224.95	34.4	35.0	36.4	6.86	6.79	6.18
Other food and kindred products	227.37	235.58	191.49	40.1	40.9	39.0	5.67	5.76	4.91
Printing and publishing	258.75	257.09	238.11	41.4	41.2	41.7	6.25	6.24	5.71
Chemicals and allied products	272.19	269.02	253.02	42.2	42.1	42.1	6.45	6.39	6.01

1/ Source of data: BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Current Employment Statistics Progrma.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

Average weekly hours in Nebraska manufacturing increased $6.46 from July 1979 to August 1979. This included a rise of $11.20 in durable goods along with a small gain of $.58 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased $35.36, including a gain of $36.08 in durable goods and of $34.22 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours increased slightly - from 41.1 in July 1979 to 41.5 in August 1979, and also showed an increase of 0.3 hours year-to-year.

Average hourly earnings increased $.14 month-to-month, and $.81 year-to-year.

ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

(Per 1,000 workers)
July 1979

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jul 1979 [2]	Jun 1979 [3]	Jul 1978 [3]	Jul 1979 [2]	Jun 1979 [3]	Jul 1978 [3]	Jul 1979 [2]	Jun 1979 [3]	Jul 1978 [3]	Jul 1979 [2]	Jun 1979 [3]	Jul 1978 [3]	Jul 1979 [2]	Jun 1979 [3]	Jul 1978 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	39	46	44	35	42	38	37	42	40	27	31	29	3	3	3
Durable goods	42	47	43	39	44	34	39	42	35	27	31	26	3	2	2
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	61	72	53	59	70	48	50	56	40	42	45	30	1	4/	2
Furniture and fixtures	40	60	43	38	59	43	76	52	48	27	30	42	7	10	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	40	43	46	37	40	42	46	50	36	25	32	24	11	5	1
Machinery and transportation equipment	38	43	41	35	40	29	33	36	33	24	27	25	1	1	2
Other durable goods	52	49	36	48	47	32	40	51	37	35	41	28	4/	2	5
Nondurable goods	36	45	46	31	40	41	35	40	46	27	30	22	2	3	7
Food and kindred products	35	42	45	29	38	39	33	40	48	26	30	32	2	3	7
Meat products	35	30	42	25	29	39	29	44	52	22	33	33	3	2	10
Dairy products	15	14	40	15	11	36	34	40	27	31	21	18	3	15	4/
Grain mill products	26	66	33	24	55	30	22	22	30	17	17	24	4/	1	1
Bakery products	29	70	27	26	58	25	50	46	31	40	43	27	2	4/	1
Other food and kindred products	64	50	71	57	48	50	52	49	64	40	38	40	2	3	10
Textiles and apparel	63	41	63	55	37	54	59	72	66	47	41	54	8	22	6
Paper and allied products	19	60	55	16	42	54	25	48	35	21	34	30	1	7	4/
Printing and publishing	42	53	40	40	51	37	44	36	36	35	29	29	1	1	2
Chemicals and allied products	11	22	74	11	19	74	17	24	47	12	13	29	1	4	2
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	32	53	35	28	47	32	35	43	39	26	32	27	3	4/	4/

1/ Source of data: State-Federal BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Cooperative Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Less than 0.05%.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 46 per 1,000 workers in June 1979 to 39 per 1,000 in July 1979. Both durable goods and nondurable goods experienced month-to-month declines, with durable goods dipping from 47 per 1,000 to 42 per 1,000, and nondurable goods declining from 45 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions also declined from 44 per 1,000 in July 1978 to 39 per 1,000 in July 1979. During that period, durable goods dipped only slightly, from 43 per 1,000 to 42 per 1,000, while nondurable goods decreased from 46 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Separations also declined month-to month: from 42 per 1,000 to 37 per 1,000, with both durable goods and nondurable goods showing drops. Year-to-year, separations declined from 40 per 1,000 to 37 per 1,000, including a rise in durable goods (from 35 per 1,000 to 39 per 1,000), along with a decline in nondurable goods (from 46 per 1,000 to 35 per 1,000).

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

August 1979

	Aug 1979	Jul 1979	Aug 1978
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	3,210	4,087	3,016
Weeks claimed	22,246	26,461	24,398
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$1,263,549	$1,405,205	$1,224,782
Calendar year to date	$18,247,223	$16,983,674	$19,595,503
Average size of weekly payments	$76.08	$76.06	$72.14
First payments	1,747	1,943	1,682
Exhaustions	455	501	559
Individuals who drew benefits	6,101	6,422	5,548
Rate of insured unemployment	0.9	1.0	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$45,495	$40,787	$54,492
Average size of weekly payments	$69.04	$68.90	$78.41
First payments	41	45	71
Exhaustions	11	11	11
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$13,542	$18,396	$16,751
Average size of weekly payments	$81.58	$81.76	$82.93
First payments	11	29	16
Exhaustions	1	0	4
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	36,488	36,329	36,344
Constributions received	$3,553,767	$5,782,940	$6,763,362
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$79,089,966	$75,783,294	$62,944,215

UI initial claims in area claims centers decreased from 4,087 in July to 3,210 in August 1979. Weeks claimed decreased from 26,461 in July to 22,246 in August 1979.

UI benefit payments decreased from 1.4 million in July 1979 to 1.3 million in August 1979.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 5,636 in July to 5,161 in August 1979. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 1.0% in July to 0.9% in August 1979.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 27.4 million compared to 26.9 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 79.1 million compared to 62.9 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/

August 1979

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	1,964	47.4
Female	2,180	52.6
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	3,568	86.1
All other races	576	13.9
AGE:		
Under 22	419	10.1
22 - 44	2,614	63.1
45 and over	1,111	26.8
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	1,865	45.0
5 - 14	1,784	43.1
15 and over	495	11.9

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claim Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for August 1979 was 4,144.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AUGUST 1979

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	221.1	1.0	11.8	221.5	1.0	12.0
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	230.2	-0.2	9.6	230.4	-0.2	9.7
Food	236.3	-0.3	9.7	236.5	-0.3	9.8
Food at home	233.9	-0.7	9.0	233.5	-0.6	9.0
Cereals & bakery products	223.7	1.6	10.1	224.1	1.4	9.9
Meats, poultry, fish & eggs	230.2	-3.7	9.4	229.6	-3.7	9.1
Dairy products	208.6	1.1	12.1	208.9	1.1	12.1
Fruits & vegetables	237.8	-0.1	7.4	237.0	0.2	7.8
Sugar & sweets	281.0	0.6	7.3	279.9	0.6	7.0
Fats & oils	228.9	0.7	6.7	228.9	0.6	6.7
Nonalcoholic beverages	361.8	2.0	6.2	360.0	1.8	5.9
Other prepared foods	210.5	0.7	9.6	210.4	0.8	9.7
Food away from home	246.5	0.7	11.2	248.3	0.7	11.9
Alcoholic beverages	173.3	0.3	7.6	173.6	0.2	7.6
HOUSING	231.5	1.4	12.8	231.5	1.4	13.0
Rent residential	177.5	0.9	7.5	177.3	0.9	7.4
Homeownership	267.6	1.7	16.0	268.9	1.8	16.7
Fuel & other utilities	247.2	1.5	13.3	247.7	1.5	13.5
Household furnishings & oper.	191.2	0.4	6.9	189.8	0.4	6.7
APPAREL & UPKEEP	166.3	1.2	4.2	166.2	1.0	4.1
Men's & boy's apparel	159.6	0.3	1.9	161.1	0.3	2.8
Women's & girl's apparel	151.3	2.4	1.5	150.5	2.0	0.9
Infant's & toddler's apparel	221.2	1.0	0.9	224.2	1.0	3.0
Footwear	177.5	0.5	8.6	176.9	0.2	8.5
TRANSPORATION	210.6	1.4	16.7	220.7	1.3	17.0
Private transportation	220.4	1.4	17.4	221.2	1.3	17.5
Public transportation	200.8	1.9	7.0	200.6	1.5	6.8
MEDICAL CARE	241.8	0.8	9.2	242.6	0.9	9.6
Medical care commodities	155.0	0.6	7.3	156.2	0.6	7.7
Medical care services	260.6	0.8	9.6	261.2	0.9	10.0
ENTERTAINMENTS	190.2	0.6	7.2	188.9	0.2	7.0
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	197.0	0.9	7.1	197.2	1.1	7.0
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	257.1			257.6		